

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

Applicant again wishes to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 10-15 and 24-29 are allowed and that claims 6, 8, 21, 23, 35 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 16-20, 22, 30-34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fadem et al. in view of Young et al. In the “Response to Arguments” section of the office action, the Examiner suggests a phrase in order to expedite the process. Applicant has amended the claims to include inherent limitations in the existing claims noting that, for example, claim 1 requires preventing interception of the incoming data by providing insertion data for insertion as part of the incoming data. Claim 10, for example, has also been amended to include the inherent limitation in the previous claim indicating that the selected data from a list of data is selected as random insertion data that prevents interception of incoming data. Applicant again respectfully submits that neither the Fadem nor Young reference alone or in combination teach the claimed subject matter as the link flow control bits in the Fadem reference are actual data and not insertion data, as actual data is data that is used by the system. Applicant again respectfully reasserts the relevant remarks in the previous office action and as such, the claims are in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims also add additional novel and non-obvious subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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